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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR; REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE
FOR LEADER OF ITALIAN LIBERAL PARTY (PLI)

1. REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PLI SECRETARY VALERIO ZANONE, 41, WHO WILL VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 17-19 AND NEW YORK APRIL 20-21. HE COULD STAY LONGER IN WASHINGTON AND VISIT NEW YORK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, IF DESIRABLE FOR PROGRAMMING REASONS. ZANONE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PLI VICE SECRETARY RENATO ALTISSIMO, 37, PLI INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CHIEF MARIO GEROLIMETTO, 42, AND PERHAPS BY PROF. GIORGIO FRANKEL OF THE EINAUDI CENTER IN TURIN, OR OTHER PLI OFFICIALS. ZANONE IS A FIRST TERM DEPUTY (MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AND ALTISSIMO AND GEROLIMETTO ARE FORMER DEPUTIES. PLI IS SMALL, CONSERVATIVE, DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH WAS ITALY'S LEADING PARTY BEFORE THE FASCIST PERIOD.

2. MICHAEL LEDEEN OF GEORGETOWN CENTER OF STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS) IS HELPING ARRANGE ZANONE'S PROGRAM, WHICH WILL
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BE CENTERED AROUND LECTURES LEDEEN HAS ARRANGED FOR HIM AT GEORGETOWN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 OR MORNING OF APRIL 19 AND AT THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19. LEDEEN HAS ALSO ARRANGED A LUNCH APRIL 17 WITH UNSPECIFIED SENATORS, A NEWSPAPER BREAKFAST APRIL 18, AND A LUNCH APRIL 18 AT CSIS.

3. ZANONE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS AT NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WITH ROBERT HUNTER (AND, IF POSSIBLE DR. BRZEZINSKI OR DAVID AARON), AT THE DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT BARBOUR AND BRUNSON MCKINLEY AND WITH APPROPRIATE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING SOME ITALIAN-AMERICANS AND ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SENRTE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PARTICULARLY SENATOR BIDEN) AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. ZANONE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ERNIE LEE OR SOMEONE AT THE AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DIVISION. ZANONE ALSO HOPES TO ARRANGE CONVERSATIONS WITH HENRY KISSINGER AND JACK ANDERSON. HE ASKS THAT THE DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH LEDEEN IN ARRANGING WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS.

4. ZANONE'S NEW YORK PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE ASPEN INSTITUTE AND PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY, WHICH PLI WILL ARRANGE WITHOUT DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY OR NEW YORK CONSULATE WILL PROBABLY ARRANGE A COCKTAIL PARTY FOR HIM. ONE APPOINTMENT HE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING, IS POSSIBLE, IS WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER.

5. ZANONE SPEAKS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH, THOUGH HE REPORTEDLY UNDERSTANDS A LITTLE. ALTISSIMO AND GEROLIMETTO REPORTEDLY BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH. NEVERTHELESS THE PLI WOULD APPRECIATE AN INTERPRETER AND THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST. PLI SUGGESTED CHARLES GIUGNO, WHO SERVED
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ABLY AS INTERPRETER FOR A PLI VISITOR FROM MILAN A YEAR OR TWO AGO.

6. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT ASSISTANCE AND APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR ZANONE'S PARTY.

7. FLIGHT DATA AND NEEDS FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIOONS WILL FOLLOW.GARDNER

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